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Temples under the supervision of the Commissioner for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments.

* 213 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the number of temples under the supervision of the Commissioner for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments in the Madras State in 1953–54?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Fourteen thousand and eighty-seven. This figure relates to the residuary State only and does not include maths and specific endowments under the supervision of Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Administration) Department. The information regarding the number of temples in the composite State for 1953–54 is not readily available."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" What is the income from these temples and what the expenditure incurred on them? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" There are two categories of temples. One set of temples, viz., assessed temples getting an annual income of above Rs. 200 (Major) and their number is 7,507 and another set of temples, viz., unassessed temples getting an annual income below Rs. 200 (Minor) and their number is 6,580."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know how these temples are supervised and what is the procedure adopted for supervising them? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM :—" ஏற்கெனவே சில ஏரியாக் கமிட்டி மெம்பர்களைப் போட்டு சில கோயில்களை கண்காணிக்கச் செய்திருந்தார்கள். அதேமாதிரியாகத்தான் இப்பொழுதும் நடக்கிறதா என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்களைக் கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The question relates to the number of temples and not to Area Committees."

SRI **E. T. KUNHAN** :—" സർ, ചിറയ്ക്കൽ താലൂക്കിൽ പറശ്ശേരിക്കടവ് ക്ഷേത്രം ഹിന്ദു ധർമ്മസ്ഥാപന ബോർഡിന്റെ കീഴിലാണോ ? അല്ലെങ്കിൽ അവിടെ ഹരിജനങ്ങൾക്കു പ്രവേശനമില്ലെന്നു ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടിന്നു അറിയാമോ ? അതിന്മേൽ ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടു് എന്തു നടപടി എടുത്തു ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" I also sympathise with the hon. Member in referring to the subject of temple entry. But I have to inform him that it will not come under this question."